

Evening Telegraph

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SHOOTING SMALL BOYS AS A PASTIME.

FRANK MCGAUGHRAN, watchman on a coal wharf, being of a sportive turn of mind, and having the example of Richard Ficken, sugar refiner, before his eyes, celebrated last Christmas day by indulging in the luxury of shooting to death a small boy by the name of George H. Fury, just as Ficken commemorated the anniversary of St. Valentine a year ago in a somewhat similar manner.

McGaughran proved himself the better marksman of the two, for he slaughtered his boy, while Ficken merely "winged," or to speak more literally, "legged" young Curran, and was thereby enabled to escape a liability to the penalty which the laws attach to the crime of murder.

McGaughran was evidently inspired by the example of Ficken to celebrate the Christmas holiday in the way he did, and there certainly appears to be no good reason why a poor coal-wharf watchman may not shoot small boys on Christmas, if wealthy sugar refiners can with impunity indulge in the same sport upon St. Valentine's day.

It is just here, however, that McGaughran made his greatest mistake. Shooting small boys is not yet recognized to any given extent by the general public or the laws of the State of Pennsylvania as a legitimate method of amusing the leisure hours of gentlemen of sporting proclivities.

To be sure, a license to shoot small boys can be purchased in the shape of a general indulgence from the Governor of the State, who is endowed with the power of granting a free pardon to any one for all offenses, whether such offenses have been proved in a court of law to have been committed or not.

This kind of a pardon, however, takes money, and it cost Richard Ficken the sum of \$50,000 for sending a bullet into Arthur Curran's leg. As McGaughran killed his boy, it would probably have cost him at least \$100,000 to have been released from the disagreeable necessity of standing a trial upon the charge of murder.

McGaughran being only a poor watchman, was unable to obtain any such sum as this, and the consequence has been that yesterday he was convicted before Judges Ludlow and Paxson of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

members of the next Congress are heartily devoted to such a policy, it will matter comparatively little what is the comparative proportion of its Republican and Democratic members. The country is growing tired of abstractions, and intensely anxious that the burdens of tax-payers should not be maintained and increased by a reckless waste of the public money.

Independent of the topic already referred to, the issues most likely to arise in the new Congress will probably relate to the tariff, the alleged outrages in the Southern States, the proposed treaty with Great Britain, and San Domingo.

Underlying everything else will be the struggle for the Presidential succession. The Democrats, rendered as emaciated and hungry as Pharaoh's lean kine by their prolonged exclusion from national power, will make desperate and probably adroit attempts to regain it.

The Republicans are to some extent divided in their counsels, and a long lease of power, with its accompanying patronage and responsibilities, has tended to develop intense jealousies and antagonisms.

It remains to be seen whether the Republican party will prove equal to the task of reconciling and allaying them to such an extent that the political victories of 1860, 1864, and 1868 will be followed by a similar triumph in 1872.

Any attempt of the Democracy to revive old war issues will have a strong tendency to rekindle the irresistible enthusiasm that has so often swept the country; but it is not unlikely that comparatively new issues will attain paramount importance in the next Presidential campaign, and it behooves the Republican members to be on their best behavior, and to combine, as far as in them lies, the wisdom of the serpent with the innocence of the dove, if they wish to secure another triumph for themselves and their party in 1872.

It is possible for a jury to be made up almost entirely, if not completely, of the friends of a prisoner. The length of time taken by the jury in Spear's case to agree upon a verdict, and the "strong" recommendation to mercy, have a suspicious look in this case.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS. LAST evening the plans for the new public buildings which have been prepared by John McArthur, Jr., were exhibited at the Continental Hotel to the Judges of the Courts, the leading members of the bar, members of Councils, and others, for the purpose of receiving criticisms and suggestions.

NOTICES. TO LADIES, AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE CHILDREN. THE SELECTING OF CHILDREN BOYS' CLOTHING. CHILDREN BOYS' ON OUR FIRST FLOOR. CHILDREN BOYS' WE HAVE A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT CHILDREN BOYS' FOR BOYS' AND YOUTH'S CLOTHING. CHILDREN BOYS' AND HAVE A BEAUTIFUL VARIETY CHILDREN BOYS' FOR CHILDREN FROM 2 YEARS CHILDREN BOYS' UPWARD, INCLUDING CHILDREN BOYS' "STRIPED SUITS." CHILDREN BOYS' "PRINCE IMPERIALS." CHILDREN BOYS' "CONTINENTAL." CHILDREN BOYS' "KING BIRCHING." CHILDREN BOYS' "GARIBALDI." CHILDREN BOYS' "HIMARON." CHILDREN BOYS' "SCOTCH SUITS," ETC. CHILDREN BOYS' AND FOR BOYS AND YOUTH. CHILDREN BOYS' WE HAVE ALL STYLES AND SIZES. CHILDREN BOYS' WE MEAN THAT OUR CHILDREN BOYS' "BOYS' DEPARTMENT" CHILDREN BOYS' SHALL BE WHAT OUR CHILDREN BOYS' GENTLEMEN IS, THE CHILDREN BOYS' BEST IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE SUDDEN CHANGES OF TEMPERATURE, together with the searching winds which are now so common, are causing severe colds to prevail everywhere, and laying the foundations for many cases of inflammation of the Lungs, Pleurisy, Asthma, and other Lung Disorders.

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